

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Establish
Consumer Rights and Consumer Protection Rules
Applicable to All Telecommunications Utilities.

Rulemaking 00-02-004
(Filed February 3, 2000)

**ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SUSPENDING COMMENT SCHEDULE**

Comments on the draft decision of Commissioner Wood in this proceeding were received July 16, 2002. The Commission held four days of workshops August 5th through August 8th to encourage parties to discuss the draft decision and rules. At the conclusion of the workshops, some of the parties discussed the possibility of convening a working group of carrier and consumer representatives to see where they might find common ground.

Bringing carrier and consumer representatives together to find solutions that work for both is an effort worth pursuing, provided that the parties can demonstrate good progress and not unduly delay the Commission's consideration of a final decision and rules.

Under the current schedule, reply comments on the draft decision and workshop are to be filed by August 16th, and replies to post-workshop comments by August 23rd. To allow time for a collaborative effort will require temporarily suspending that schedule. The length of the suspension will depend on the extent to which the working parties are able to make good progress.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the current schedule for further comments on the draft decision of Commissioner Wood is suspended. Parties will be notified by a subsequent ruling when new dates are set.

Dated August 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMES C. MCVICAR

James C. McVicar
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Suspending Comment Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. In addition, service was also performed by electronic mail.

Dated August 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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